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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

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Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated March 19, 2002 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 29-99 of the above-identified application.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

- 1. An extension of time for responding to the final rejection for 3 month(s):
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- 2. A timely response to the final rejection has been filed.
- 3. A fee in the amount of \$320.00 is:
 - Required.
 - □ Not required (Fee paid in prior appeal).
- 4. Applicant has qualified for the 50% reduction in fee for an independent inventor, non profit organization or small business concern and a fee in the amount of \$160.00 is:
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